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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP: DRAFT STATEMENTS

1. SUBMITTED HERewith ARE EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS FOR
DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS AND
LUNCHEON AND DINNER TOASTS.

2. ARRIVAL STATEMENT.

MR. CHANCELLOR, MRS. SCHMIDT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:
THANK YOU FOR THE WARM WELCOME YOU HAVE EXTENDED TO
MRS. FORD AND ME. WE ARE PARTICULARLY HAPPY TO BEGIN
OUR TRIP TO EUROPE WITH A VISIT TO OLD FRIENDS HERE IN
GERMANY. OUR MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON LAST DECEMBER, AS
WELL AS OUR TALKS IN BRUSSELS IN MAY, AND THE MEETINGS
WE WILL HAVE HERE TOMORROW ARE EVIDENCE NOT ONLY OF THE
CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, BUT ALSO
OF THE NEED FOR PARTNERS TO CONSULT FREQUENTLY ON THE
CHALLENGES WE FACE TODAY. BUT JUST AS IMPORTANTLY, OUR
MEETINGS SERVE TO UNDERLINE THE FUNDAMENTAL FRIENDSHIP
BETWEEN THE GERMAN AND AMERICAN PEOPLES--A FRIENDSHIP
WHICH DATES BACK TO THE BEGINNINGS OF OUR NATION. WE
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WILL BE RECALLING THE CONTRIBUTION THAT AMERICANS OF

GERMAN DESCENT HAVE MADE TO THE BUILDING OF OUR COUNTRY AS WE CELEBRATE OUR BICENTENNIAL--A CELEBRATION TO WHICH PRESIDENT SCHEEL HAS ANNOUNCED SO GENEROUS A CONTRIBUTION FROM YOUR PEOPLE.

MR. CHANCELLOR: IN A FEW DAYS WE WILL BOTH BE TRAVELING TO HELSINKI TO MEET WITH OTHER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT TO BRING TO A CONCLUSION THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. IT IS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT THE DOCUMENTS WE WILL SIGN THERE WILL BENEFIT ALL THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA. I AM ESPECIALLY HOPEFUL THAT THEIR HUMANITARIAN PROVISIONS RELATING TO INCREASED CONTACT AMONG PEOPLES WILL HAVE A SPECIAL MEANING FOR THE GERMAN PEOPLE--EAST AND WEST--INCLUDING OUR OLD AND GOOD FRIENDS IN BERLIN. THE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE PAST FEW YEARS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE PILLAR OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND OUR COMMON DEFENSE, TO WHICH YOUR COUNTRY HAS MADE SO NOTABLE A CONTRIBUTION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED IDENTITY OF PURPOSE--INDEED TO THE STRENGTHENING OF OUR COMMON GOALS AND ENDEAVORS AS WE FACE THE CHALLENGES OF DETENTE.

WE FACE CHALLENGES ALSO IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD, FIRST AND FOREMOST THE ISSUES OF ENERGY AND INFLATION. HERE NO COUNTRY'S CONTRIBUTION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. I LOOK FORWARD TO MY STAY IN YOUR COUNTRY, MR. CHANCELLOR, AND TO OUR TALKS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL MEET THESE CHALLENGES SUCCESSFULLY. BECAUSE THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN, ARE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE PARTNERS, WITH THE STRONGEST OF TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES.

THANK YOU.

3. LUNCHEON TOAST. MR. CHANCELLOR: THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND REMARKS.

I WILL BE BRIEF. WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED MUCH IN OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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TALKS. BUT HENRY TELLS ME THAT WE STILL HAVE THIRTY-FIVE AGENDA ITEMS WHICH WE HAVE NOT TOUCHED.

I WANT TO ASSURE YOU, MR. CHANCELLOR, THAT ONLY THIRTY-THREE OF THESE ITEMS CONCERN MONEY, AND ONLY THIRTY OF THEM CONCERN GERMAN MONEY.

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I WANT TO EXPRESS AGAIN MY PLEASURE AT BEING ABLE
TO VISIT BONN AS THE FIRST STOP ON MY TRIP TO EUROPE.
WE BELIEVE CONSULTATION WITH OUR ALLIES TO BE ESSENTIAL
IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE WHAT WE ALL DESIRE -- BOTH HERE
IN EUROPE AND IN THE REST OF THE WORLD.

WE WILL BOTH TRAVEL TO HELSINKI. I WILL ALSO
VISIT SOME OF YOUR NEIGHBORS IN THE EAST. THIS
ITINERARY IS A SIGN OF OUR TIMES -- TIMES IN WHICH THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC HAS PLAYED A LEADING ROLE.

I WOULD LIKE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THAT ROLE, AND TO
THE ENLIGHTENED LEADERSHIP OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC FOR
THE PAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

GENTLEMEN, TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC*

4. DINNER TOAST. MR. CHANCELLOR: YOU HAVE SPOKEN
ELOQUENTLY. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND WORDS.

GERMAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP IS A SUBJECT ON WHICH
IT IS POSSIBLE TO SPEAK ELOQUENTLY. IT IS FOUNDED ON A
TRADITION THAT IS AS OLD AS THE UNITED STATES, ITSELF.
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS LOOK AT MY VICE PRESIDENT --
NELSON ROCKEFELLER -- TO MY CABINET -- HENRY KISSINGER

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-- AND TO MY STAFF -- DONALD RUMSFELD -- TO SEE
EVIDENCE OF THE INFLUSION OF GERMAN BLOOD
WHICH HAS SO ENRICHED AMERICA.

TODAY, AS WE VISITED SOME OF THE AMERICAN AND
GERMAN TROOPS WHOSE COOPERATION IS SO ESSENTIAL TO
OUR COMMON DEFENSE, WE SAW CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF THE
PRESENT AND ENDURING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES. LET ME SAY NOW, MR. CHANCELLOR, THAT OUR
TROOPS WILL REMAIN. THEIR PRESENCE IN YOUR COUNTRY --
AND I THANK YOU FOR THE WARM WELCOME WHICH THE GERMAN
PEOPLE HAS EXTENDED TO THEM -- REMAINS FUNDAMENTAL TO
THE DEFENSE OF THE WEST.

THESE GERMAN AND AMERICAN TROOPS REPRESENT A
UNITY OF PURPOSE WHICH BRIDGES THE ATLANTIC. NO TWO
PEOPLES ARE MORE UNITED THAN THE AMERICAN AND GERMAN
IN THEIR SUPPORT OF THE PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENDENCE,
FREEDOM, AND SELF-DETERMINATION.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ALSO JOIN THE GERMAN PEOPLE
IN WELCOMING THE PROSPECT OF EUROPEAN UNIFICATION.
IN THE SPIRIT OF THE DECLARATION OF OTTAWA, WE CONTINUE
TO SUPPORT THIS NOBLE ENDEAVOR AND LOOK FORWARD TO
WORKING WITH THE NEW, EMERGING EUROPE OF THE FUTURE.

WHEN WE SPEAK OF THE FUTURE OF EUROPE, WE ALSO
SPEAK OF BOTH EAST AND WEST. MUCH EFFORT HAS GONE
INTO BRINGING THESE PEOPLES TOGETHER. WE HAVE MADE
SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS. OUR TRIP TO HELSINKI IS PROOF
OF WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED. BUT WE STILL HAVE MUCH
TO DO. HERE, AGAIN, WE IN AMERICA LOOK FORWARD TO OUR
CONTINUED COOPERATION. THIS WORK WILL BE DIFFICULT,
BUT ITS PURPOSE IS OF SUCH IMPORTANCE TO MANKIND THAT
WE HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE.

LET ME END ON A PERSONAL NOTE. MR. CHANCELLOR:
YOU WERE KIND ENOUGH TO VISIT US IN WASHINGTON LAST
DECEMBER SHORTLY AFTER I ASSUMED OFFICE. YOU HAVE
GIVEN MRS. FORD AND ME A MAGNIFICENT RECEPTION IN
GERMANY. I HAVE COME TO VALUE YOUR ADVICE, YOUR VIEWS
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AND YOUR PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP. OUR MEETINGS HAVE BEEN

FREQUENT, BUT I WANT YOU TO COME TO SEE US AGAIN AS
SOON AS YOU CAN. AND PLEASE BRING MRS. SCHMIDT.

MR. CHANCELLOR, LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN: TO OUR
FRIENDSHIP. TO GERMAN-AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP. TO
GERMANY.

5. DEPARTURE STATEMENT. MR. CHANCELLOR, MRS. SCHMIDT,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I HAVE FOUND IN YOUR COUNTRY WHAT I EXPECTED TO
FIND -- A TRUE FRIEND. A FRIEND WHICH SHARES OUR
GOALS, ASPIRATIONS AND HOPES.

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OUR TALKS HAVE GONE WELL. IN FACT, I DO NOT
KNOW HOW THEY COULD HAVE GONE BETTER.

WE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY YOU
GAVE US TO VISIT GERMAN TROOPS AND THEIR AMERICAN
COUNTERPARTS SERVING IN YOUR COUNTRY. THEIR GREETING
FOR ME WAS HEARTWARMING. THEIR COOPERATION IS
INSPIRATIONAL. THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEFENSE OF
THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IS FUNDAMENTAL TO AMERICAN
POLICY AND GOALS.

THANK YOU, MR. CHANCELLOR, FOR YOUR
HOSPITALITY. FOR THE HONORS YOU HAVE EXTENDED ME, I
THANK YOU IN THE NAME OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. FOR YOUR
AND MRS. SCHMIDT'S MANY PERSONAL KINDNESSES, I THANK
YOU FOR MRS. FORD AND MYSELF.

IT IS ALWAYS DIFFICULT TO SAY FAREWELL TO A
FRIEND, BUT OUR SEPARATION WILL BE BRIEF. WE MEET
AGAIN IN HELSINKI, WHERE WE WILL ONCE AGAIN WORK
TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP, ATLANTIC FRIEND-
SHIP AND DETENTE.

SO, I DO NOT SAY "GOOD BYE" ONLY "AUF WIEDER-
SEHEN."

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